

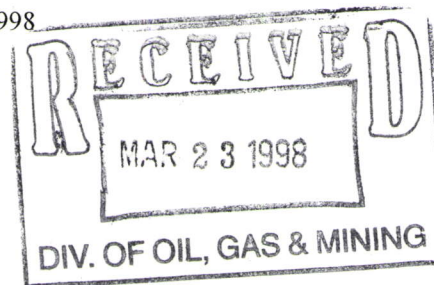
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Re: Notification of Suspension, Wilson-Silverbell - M/037/027

Dear Mr. Gallegos:

As requested in your letter to Umetco dated March 5, 1998, this letter is notice of suspension for the Wilson-Silverbell Mine. The following information was also requested in the letter.

1. Description of the current surface disturbance at the site.

The Wilson shop is being utilized as a repair facility and is expected to be used for that purpose through 2002. The amount of surface disturbance has not changed since the mine shut down.

2. Measures in place at the site to minimize safety hazards and environmental harm.

All the mine shafts and ventilation raises have been closed, and surface debris has been cleaned up.

3. Reclamation proposed at the site during the upcoming year.

Monitoring and maintenance of the site will be conducted during the upcoming year.

4. Reclamation which has been performed at the site since going into suspension.

All the mine shafts and ventilation raises have been closed, surface debris has been cleaned up, and access roads to the ventilation raises have been closed.

5. Estimate of the duration of the suspension period.

Mining operations were suspended in 1991. Present plans are for major reclamation construction to occur in 2001, with revegetation to be completed in 2003.

If you have any questions, or need more information, please contact me at (970) 256-8881.

Sincerely,

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